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DA 10-426

Roger D. Hovis
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South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
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Dear Mr. Hovis:

This letter grants your request, dated March 5, 2010, on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DEHC) for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers during an upcoming government emergency drill.

In your request, you state that DEHC will be conducting an exercise on April 21, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to test and exercise Strategic National Stockpile Cities Readiness Initiative Medical Supplies Management and Distribution, Mass Prophylaxis, Hospital Surge, and Decontamination emergency response plans, policies, and procedures as they pertain to bioterrorism. The drill will be held in Columbia, South Carolina.

Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3), prohibits amateur licensees from transmitting communications in which they have a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. You therefore request a waiver of this rule to permit the following Amateur licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers in connection with the exercise: for DEHC, John Brown, KI4PKH, Joseph Grant, KI4VGQ, Randy Langston, KI4PKE, George Timms, KI4VRS, Carolyn Fleming, KJ4LLI, Heather Price, KJ4LLO, Michael Sheriff, KJ4LLR, and Jaden Wagener, KJ4LLU; for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, Jerry Martain, KJ4ABO, William Wells, KJ4AAT, Wilfredo Casillas, KJ4BCK, Jacqueline Chambers, KJ4BCM, Peter Getz, KJ4ABG, and Chevis Parsons, KJ4NOF; for the City of Columbia, Catherine Hartley, KJ4HIS, and Howard Lederfind, KJ4VRF; for Richland County Health Department, Charles McManis, KI4VRI; for Catawba Indian Nation, Rosalind Chorak, KI4VRN; for Fairfield Memorial Hospital, Shirley Hall, KJ4AAZ; for Lexington Medical Center, Valerie Campbell, KJ4LKZ; for Medical Reserve Corps, Eric Bullington, KJ4HIQ; for Palmetto Health, Robert Chartier, KI4VRP, Mary Cromer, KJ4LLE, Eric McFarland, KJ4HIT, Melissa Moody, KJ4LLN, Eric Atkinson, KI4VRJ, Kim Elkins, KI4VRT, Ronald Johnson, WA4ZYB, and David Morgan, KI4VRE; for Tucker Nursing Center, John Spires, KJ4BCZ; and for the University of South Carolina, William Dease, KI4PKO, and Karen Pendleton, KJ4DII.

Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, provides that the Commission may waive its rules if good cause for waiver is shown. We conclude that grant of the waiver request is appropriate under the circumstances presented. The public interest in facilitating the April 21 public safety exercise by permitting the specified amateur licensees to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant permits transmission of communications by the above-listed Amateur licensees on behalf of their employers during the April 21, 2010, exercise, and immediately prior to the exercise for the purpose of operational testing of equipment.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, dated March 5, 2010, IS GRANTED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

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